

Sierra Nevada Conservancy

Technical Assistance

Susanville (Northern)

- Provide planning to local communities & Business (i.e. GIS services)
- Ground water monitoring
- Needs / problems assessment of old mills (hazardous materials assessment)
- Access for disabled (cost associated, planning)
- Assess potential for additional funding or replacement funding (due to disabled access funding cuts)
- Provide assistance in R & D for tourism and economic development potential for projects to promote the area

Sonora (South-Central)

- Phoenix Lake- 80 Acres sedimentation- task force now looking at restoration
- Need help with environmental documents
- Wished assessments better understanding of forestry practices
- Help in economic development- sustainable and small scale ventures
- Small wood utilization linking economy with environment, fire management, etc.
- Maintain Sierra economy and quality of life
- Inventory capacity of locals to carry out- collaborative planning, what local technical capacity exists (inventory and use), database of local capacity
- What are impacts (environmental/ social) of non-motorized recreation- Inventory use and capacity
- Are there sufficient resources/ infrastructure to accommodate growth?
- Cultural and historical inventory (Conservation and restoration) Bob Dean (209-754-5887) big gap in data, education outreach
- Utilize conservancy leverage existing, studies of Sierra Assets
- Affordable housing, need to coordinate with local/ regional efforts
- Visible presence of state in local efforts (proactive)
- Technical Assistance to ID economic impacts of programs
- Find jobs for local / rural communities
- Facilitate the balancing of environmental and economic needs
- Importance/ technical assistance for water quality monitoring
- Provide consultants who can assist tract managers with working with government, working with private and corporate land owners
- Bring in legal resources as necessary
- Preserving and enhancing regional/historic ditch system- wants help technical assistance
- Provide technical assistance to existing watershed councils and new formation of councils
- Provide technical assistance to fire safe councils
- Investigate possibility to support Sierra-wide community system (TV. Radio) - don't want information from valley
- DWR Studies to support Hetch Hetchy --provide technical assistance- Supplement DWR studies which are inadequate

Fresno (Southern)

- How soon can we get assistance? Who to contact/how to get info?
- Flood control is big concern, S. Fork Kern - More maintenance needed
- Assistance onsite for capacity building, training for grant-making, plan writing, & program development
- Fund SBC to expand activities
- Use existing infrastructure to support grant-writing and capacity building activities
- Study ground water and how it relates to surface water and snow pack, allocation of snow pack
- Work w/ Sequoia Nat'l Monument to improve tourism, job opportunities, transportation, access

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- Implementation plans in coordination with Tulare and Kern Counties
- Ground water relationship b/w residences, needs further study
- Climactic water budget analysis - links to state water plan
- San Joaquin R. Parkway Trust = model for SNC (staffing, etc)
- long term monitoring with LTER program (Nat'l Science Foundation) and Desert Research Institute
- Support 45 plus globe schools in Sierra (www.globe.gov)
- Neutral Party to allow info sharing between entities that don't often interact
- Politics versus Strongest (most important) projects- how will projects be chosen
- effective citizen advisory committees - not determined by proximity to headquarters
- Buffer b/w public and SNC staff and board
- How to determine % allotted to each region
- 13.5 staff = work with grantee
- help potential grantee prepare for applications to be presented to SNC board
- SNC provide non-urban, unincorporated communities w/ fire mgmt, fuels reduction - not as controversial as once was.
- Fund fuel reduction projects before any other projects
- Apportioning funding among "programs" - how determined
- Fuels reduction to receive guaranteed funding annually - allow planning

El Dorado (Central)

- Acquisition and available?
- RCD's - no funding sources -- need grant funds
- Accessibility of funds, technical assistance? Difficulty with spreading assistance over 22 counties
- Agricultural assistance -- (development of value- added product), farmers' markets, grant-writing
- Transfer of local info to SNC
- Network with cities -- to get involved in process as-hoc committee for cities
- GIS users group and communication, development of technology (beyond dial-up)
- Training of community groups by experts
- Convening stakeholder groups for collaborative planning and management
- Give- and- take between SNC and local expertise (especially agriculture) -- rely on local knowledge
- Grant-writing assistance for SNC a plus, many organizations don't have staff, resources to do this
- Suggest Sierra Nevada agricultural marketing program -- farmers and ranchers are not able to market their products
- Development of clinics, health services -- planning grants, towns with limited tax revenues need assistance with acquiring medical equipment
- Fostering relationships between state and county (local) arts councils. County arts council can help foster relationships
- Revisit work done under SNEP, look to SNEP for implementation and guidance policies
- Utilize department of conservation in providing technical assistance
- Streamline permitting process
- develop biomass potential

El Dorado (Central) cont'd

- Utilize California Conservation Corps
- Use of private entities for (not just contract employees) for expertise
- Involvement of federal agencies (BLM, USFS)
- Guide through regions thru "blueprint" and planning process
- Bring expertise to small communities (instead of having each community go to trainings)
- Make better use of existing assets "creative reuse" think outside of box - example) transforming irrigation pond to wildlife habitat

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- Economic Analysis to recognize community changes and take proactive steps (rather than reactive/ corrective steps)
- Tap into expertise of regional organizations such as Arts Councils
- Aggressively collaborate with U.C. Merced to bring research and outreach (intellectual infrastructure) into the Sierra

Quincy (North-Central)

- Schedule for grants, preferably coincides with other (non-state) grant programs
- Plumas Co General Plan - County needs help with planning process (assist with more thorough review)
- NRCDC already provide local services and other agencies, need to work with existing expertise
- Use SNC as unifying agency - clearing house for info
- GIS program - can help with county-wide stakeholder groups
- Assistance in streamlining permit process for restoration projects
- Facilitate cross-jurisdictional planning (ex. Sierra Valley is in Plumas and Sierra)
- Economic valuing of natural resources as resources (functioning ecosystems) rather than communities
- Streamline permit process for forest health issues
- Ensure technical assistance is in-field (not just regurgitating existing research)
- Work with "unrecognized" tribes (80% in CA unrecognized). Burton Bill requires agencies to consult with them
- Develop potential to pursue cultural easements, access to culturally-used and historic sites
- Coordinate not duplicate UC cooperative extension programs, including research
- Learn from successful models in other regions, promoting what works. Coordinate efforts with RCD's (resource conservation districts)
- Help with pulling in multiple funding opportunities
- RCD's funded for planning but need implementation funding
- Need technical assistance for regional solutions (new ways to address problems), not necessarily for the things we're doing now
- Coordinate forest stewardship with PG&E
- Convene and coordinate local knowledge to create regional solutions
- Visualize strategic plan for east side flyway
- Coordinate with local colleges and education organizations (not just CSU's and UC's)